

# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



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## Mass Times

Weekend

Saturday - 4:30pm

Sunday - 9am & 11am

## Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8:15am

Tuesday - 6:45pm

No Mass on Thursday

## Holy Days

Eve - TBD

Holy Days - 8:15am, 11:15am & 6:45pm

## Confessions

Saturday - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

## Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

(The rectory is closed for lunch from 1-1:30pm)

## Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Schneider  
Pastor

Rev. Donald E. Snyder  
*Retired, In Residence*

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND  
*Pastoral Associate*

*Liz Schneider  
Business Manager*

Lisa Carson  
*Office Manager*

John Mastandrea  
*Development*

Frank Kozuch  
*Music Director*

Terri Sozio  
*Religious Education*



**St. Thomas More School**  
**PreSchool thru 8th Grade**

Meg Cosgriff - Principal  
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**THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11 – VIGIL**

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12 –**

**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

9:00 AM - William Csak

\*11:00 AM - Virginia Tilicky

**MONDAY, APRIL 13 –**

**ST. MARTIN I**

8:15 AM - Kaduk & LoBue Families

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14 –**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

6:45 PM - George Zindroski

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 –**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

8:15 AM - Marcia Fazekas

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16 –**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17 –**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

8:15 AM - Women’s Guild

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18 –**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

8:15 AM - Albert & Eleanor Tapajna

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19 –**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

\*9:00 AM - Mildred McClelland

\*11:00 AM - Anna Durjak

\*Mass of Remembrance

**Monday, April 13**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

**Tuesday, April 14**

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Women’s Guild Meeting– Utopia

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM PSR - School

**Wednesday, April 15**

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

**TAXES DUE**

**Thursday, April 16**

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

**Saturday, April 18**

6:00 PM Night At the Races– Utopia & Gym

**Sunday April 19**

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mass & Confirmation Meeting - Church and Utopia



**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Please note that during the Easter Season we will be singing the Mass parts from “Mass of the Resurrection” listed in our Missals (#848, #851, #852, #853).

**SUNDAY’S HYMNS 4/12/26**

**Processional:** #179 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

**Offertory:** #610 Alleluia, No. 1

**Communion:** #355 I Am the Bread of Life

**Closing:** #728 Crown Him With Many Crowns

**Financial Blessings**

The collection total for the weekend of April 4th/5th was not available at the time this bulletin was submitted to print. Please check next week’s bulletin for the collection information.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

**PARISHSOFT - FAITH DIRECT**

Faith Direct is now ParishSoft. You can log in at [giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-684](http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-684).

Have questions? Please call ParishSoft Customer Service at 866-930-4774 option 6.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! We left off our history of the Church with the death of St. John Vianney in 1859. As he brought God's grace to France, the world changed dramatically.

The last decades of the nineteenth century witnessed one of the most dramatic transformations in human history. The Industrial Revolution had reshaped Europe and the Americas, pulling millions from the countryside into the crowded, smoky cities. Factories hummed day and night, and fortunes were made. For the laboring poor, however, life was often one of grinding toil, meager wages, unsafe conditions, and little recourse. Into this storm of social upheaval, the Catholic Church spoke with a clear and enduring voice.

On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* — "Of New Things" — a document that would become the cornerstone of Catholic Social Doctrine. It was the Church's formal answer to the great social question of the age: what is owed to the worker, and by whom?

Leo XIII began by firmly rejecting the socialist solution of abolishing private property. To strip individuals of what they lawfully own, he argued, is to rob them of their dignity and the fruit of their labor. A worker who earns wages has the right to save and to own — and the state exists to protect that right, not to erase it. At the same time, the encyclical offered an equally pointed critique of unbridled capitalism. Wealth carries moral responsibility. The rich are not free to exploit the poor simply because the law permits it. Justice demands a living wage — enough for a worker to support himself and his family in reasonable comfort.

Central to *Rerum Novarum* is the principle of the *common good*: the idea that society's institutions, laws, and economy must serve not merely the powerful few, but all its members, especially the most vulnerable. The document championed the right of workers to form associations and unions — a revolutionary affirmation at the time — and called on the state to intervene when necessary.

Pope Leo XIII grounded his teaching in the dignity of the human person, made in the image and likeness of God. No economic system that treats men and women as mere instruments of production can be just. Work should be seen as a participation in God's Providential care - rest included!

*Rerum Novarum* did not solve the social question overnight, but it planted seeds that have grown across thirteen subsequent social encyclicals and into the heart of the Church's mission. From labor rights to poverty, from the environment to migration, the Church has continued to apply these founding principles to every new challenge of modern life. We should remember that as much as we may note the great changes of our present decade, some things never change. God created humanity to work with their hands and their souls for the common good. Just as Pope Leo XIII grounded his teaching on man as an image of God, may we ground our lives on Christ.

In His Sacred Heart,  
*Fr. John*

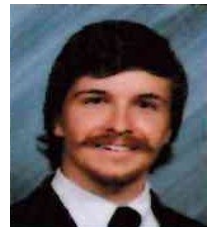
### TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:  
**Madelyn Koranda.**

Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember, if you take any pictures, send them into the rectory. **Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2026.**

### SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

**Vincent Labosky**  
**Our Lady of Victory**  
**Tallmadge**  
**Discipleship I, Borromeo**



Please keep Vincent and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Juliet, Baby Kevin, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael J. Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Daniel Breen, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Traci Kelber-Byrne, Michael C., Janet Call, John Callahan, Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Mike Castrigano, Harper Lee & Leslee Godwin Crum, Lori Curry, Lisa Cwalinski, Barb Davis, Cristino & Rosie DeJesus, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Tina Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Chet Givens, Joel Gorski, Monica Gribb, Annette Gyory, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Eddie Hengood, Jr., Pat H., Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Michel Howe, Barbara Hughes, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Joshua, Joan Kalal, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Shirley Kowall, Al Lada, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Luigi Mangione, Jane McClure, Brother Bobby McFadden, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Vinny Mercurio, Lorrie Minch, Dan Misch & Christine DeMarco, Rafaela Morales, Shirley Mulmall, Barb Mundson, Josalynn Murray, Bridget Nnabugwu, David Novatny, Sue Oldag, Ellen Omilanowski, Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Kenny Parks, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Jim Popow, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Judy Romaniw, Michael S., Mary Schneider, Karen Scharfenort, Michelle Scibbe, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Carolyn Sovizral, Special Intention, Margie & Don Spitz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Mark Suhajcik, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Kevin Vest, Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Kathy Yomack & family, Evie Zalar, Marian Zawadzki & Phyllis Zindroski. **Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.**

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Ministry of Consolation is in need of volunteers. Please call the rectory if you are interested in this very special ministry.

### WOMEN'S GUILD

Please join us on this Tuesday, April 14th at 11:30am in Utopia Hall for our next meeting. Joan Kuczek will give a PowerPoint presentation on "The Camino," a pilgrimage walk in Spain and Portugal. Slider sandwiches, chips, appetizers, bakery, coffee and tea will be served. Hope to see you there!

### SENSORY KITS

Many neurodiverse individuals and families face sensory difficulties that make attending Mass hard. To help parishes become more welcoming, Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries has provided us with two sensory kits - simple tools that create calm, inclusive worship experiences for all. There is one kit in the chapel and one in the old library (Gathering Room) for use during Mass. We kindly ask that if you use the items, please return them at the end of Mass.

### RECYCLING BINS

The three paper bins will soon be removed from the property. We kindly ask that you no longer bring paper products from home for disposal. There have been pickup issues and the school no longer profits from them. Thank you for your support over the years!

### WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 18/19

<b>MASS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>CELEBRANT</b>
4:30 PM	Jill Parks Terri Cottos Sheryl Finohr Nina Ferguson	Al Margevicius Tim Lozar	Emma Wright Ainsley French	Fr. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Dolores Hules Jaclene Zauszniewski Heather Roberts Jennifer Mladineo	Stephanie Liebert Mary Lou LoBue	Parker Redloske Blake Liebert	Fr. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Patty Riegling Linda Rafferty Bernie Barker	Barbara Kish Madelyn Koranda	Amelia Nieves Geovana Fagher	Fr. John Schneider

**A 5-week couples book study**

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**TO THE HEIGHTS**  
TOB CLE Father/Son Retreat 2026

A retreat in the spirit of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

**Sunday, April 26th**  
**11AM-4PM**

Center for Pastoral Leadership, Wickliffe

- For fathers and sons grades 7-12
- Dynamic speakers
- Games
- Discussions
- Adoration
- Lunch, resources, and more!

**\$35/person**  
(scholarship available)

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Questions? [rlewis@tobcle.org](mailto:rlewis@tobcle.org)

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**ELVIS GRBAC**  
FORMER NFL QUARTERBACK

## ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Many thanks to all who donated to the Angel Scholarship Fund for the 2024 tax year. The contributions that St. Thomas More School received will provide tuition assistance for our students.

Donations made by April 15, 2026 are eligible for the 2025 state tax credit. Help us to continue to raise more scholarship funding to support our students. Contribution forms can be found at the rectory or online at [CatholicCommunity.org/angel-contribution](http://CatholicCommunity.org/angel-contribution).

**thank you!** for donating to the Angel Scholarship Fund

## How to Claim Your Tax Credit

Different ways to submit your ASF tax receipt when completing your taxes

### 1 UTILIZING A PROFESSIONAL TAX PREPARER/SERVICE TO FILE THE STATE TAX FORM

HOW TO SUBMIT: Provide the tax preparer/service with the 2025 ASF tax receipt

### 2 UTILIZING TAX PREPARATION SOFTWARE (E.G., TURBOTAX) TO FILE THE STATE TAX FORM

HOW TO SUBMIT: Paper file - Enclose a copy of the receipt with the tax form -OR-

E-file - If it is not possible to upload the receipt with the tax form, the Ohio Department of Taxation will send you a letter with instructions for submitting the tax receipt, either by mail or uploading to: [tax.ohio.gov/portal](http://tax.ohio.gov/portal)

### 3 UTILIZING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION WEBSITE TO E-FILE THE STATE TAX FORM

HOW TO SUBMIT: Create an OHID Account at [myportal.tax.ohio.gov/TAP/](http://myportal.tax.ohio.gov/TAP/); you will be prompted to upload your 2025 ASF tax receipt with the state tax form



## PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify You, and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

## REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register by calling the rectory or fill out the new parishioner registration form on our website. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

## BAPTISMS

**Last Sunday of the Month.** Time: TBD. Prior to baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to schedule an interview.

## MARRIAGES

Marriages should be arranged with a priest by calling the rectory 8 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

## ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

LUCY DESI MUSEUM - Thursday, May 28  
90 minute tour and 10% gift shop discount  
75th anniversary of "I LOVE LUCY SHOW"  
SENECA ALLEGANY CASINO  
Casino Bonus: \$25 Slot Play & \$10 Food Credit  
\$82/person (price includes Museum Admission & driver tip)  
Deadline: Thursday, May 7th

Please contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 to make reservations and for additional information.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faith community of St. Thomas More, a Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, Ohio, are centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. By following the actions and teachings of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to build God's kingdom.

We seek to:

- ❖ Celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist, his work, and the community.
- ❖ Pass on our faith and tradition.
- ❖ Strengthen, love, and support all of God's people.
- ❖ Nurture our gifts and share them with others.
- ❖ Invite and welcome all who are in need of God.



## WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

### **First Reading:**

They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:46-47)

### **Psalm:**

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

### **Second Reading:**

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Pt 1:8-9)

### **Gospel:**

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:29)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1  
Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/  
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8,  
9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35